

DATE: 7 August 1970

TO: Jack

FROM: Ed

SUBJECT: The So-Called Information Explosion

REMARKS:

Attached is a very interesting memo from Harry on the subject. I did a little manipulation of my own and find that if one were to divide the FY 1960 - FY 1970 period into two parts one gets very interesting results. The total amount of material disseminated by Cable Secretariat and CRS is as follows:

a. FY 1965 is about 75% larger than FY 1960 (an annual rate of about $8\frac{1}{2}\%$ per year).

b. FY 1970 is about 7% larger than FY 1965 (an annual rate of about $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ per year).

This means there has been very little growth in the number of pieces of paper that the analysts in the production offices must handle in the last five years. It does not, of course, take into account the very large increase in the amount of raw data that must be processed by places like NPIC, OEL, and FBIS. If there has been an information explosion in the last five years, it is in the systems.

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